Expenditure of education

46. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have not been spending 6 per cent of GDP on education so far;

(b) what was the percentage of GDP being spent on education during the last three years; and

(c) the steps being taken to ensure that at least 5 per cent of GDP is spent on education in the year 2007-08?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) The Common Minimum Programme of the Government pledges to increase the public spending in education to at least 6% of GDP in a phased manner with at least half of the amount being spent on primary and secondary education sectors. The percentage of GDP spent on education during 2003-04, 2004-05 & 2005-06 was 3.50%, 3.68% an 3.72% respectively.

Allocation for higher and primary education

47. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of allocation made and spent on higher and primary education in India during the last five years;

(b) whether, in relation to many of the developed and developing countries, India's spending on education is far less;

(c) if so, the details in this regard and whether it is impacting negatively the literacy augmentation and quality of Research and Development; and

(d) if so, how Government propose to correct the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) The quantum of allocation made and spent on higher and elementary education during 2001-02 to 2005-06 is indicated in the